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Enlist—enlist in Red Cross relief.

Few of our allies are missing a mission to Washington.

Don't be a shirker in this Red Cross campaign in Vermont.

Put a dent in the iron cross by contributing to the Red Cross.

Middlebury college was decidedly sparing in its distribution of honorary degrees this commencement. It is well.

The Germans have some good stiff punches left on the western front. It is not frolic upon which Pershing is entering.

The vulnerability of the Zeppelin has been demonstrated again and again as the huge airship has attacked English towns. It is left for the more or less despised airplane to do the dastardly work.

To let the cable tell it, Elihu Root and his American commission to Russia are making important progress in acquainting the Russian people with the aims of democracy, and with the great western democracy in particular.

The general closing order on the places of public resort should result in the elimination of infantile paralysis from Waitsfield—that is, providing the order is obeyed to the letter. That such an order is necessary goes without saying.

The slowness of the commonwealth of Massachusetts in reporting the result of military registration on June 5 has not been satisfactorily explained. Massachusetts is one of the last three states, being many days behind some states which are much larger.

The newspapers of the United States gave miles of reading matter in aid of the Liberty loan campaign. If the thousands of articles could be put into a single column they undoubtedly would stretch for some miles. The newspapers, let it be stated, expect nothing in return for that service. They were doing merely what seemed to them to be a patriotic duty, and they willingly contributed space and time.

The temporary removal of the Green Mountain express from Barre over the Montpelier & Wells River railroad to Boston, by reason of a washout near Plainfield, gives the public of Barre, Montpelier and the towns along the line of the railroad mentioned an opportunity to realize what their deprivation will be when the train is taken off by order of the Boston & Maine railroad. The removal of the train will be a serious handicap to the business interests of two of the best business "feeders" on the Boston & Maine circuit in northern New England.

Another national guardsman has paid the penalty of carelessness while engaged in protecting a railroad bridge. The ordinary needs of the work in which the National Guard is employed do not require that the guards place themselves on the bridge structure itself but that they should remain at either end of the bridge to prevent approach. There may be occasions during the course of the day or night in which it is necessary that the guard cross the bridge, but it is possible to accomplish such passage without running the risk of losing one's life. A moderate degree of caution would protect the men when it is necessary to walk across the structures.

Barre people and others who may have occasion to visit the city are reminded that there is an opportunity for them to enlist in the good cause of furnishing relief for our American soldiers by going to Red Cross headquarters in the waiting-room of the Barre & Montpelier traction company in the Aldrich building. Don't wait to be asked. Go to headquarters at once and make your contribution. Get ahead of the canvassers who will go about from house to house, asking for co-operation. Your money placed in the hands of the American Red Cross will surely be directed for the purpose intended—you may rely on it.

It is earnestly hoped that the conditional offer of \$10,000 each by two Vermonters to the Red Cross war fund can be realized by means of like liberality on the part of 10 other men or women of Vermont. The unnamed persons who made the conditional offer have started a splendid movement, a movement which is capable of doing a great work in behalf of the soldiers who are to fight the battle of justice in the world. Such a fund would be a fine nucleus around which might be built the superstructure of smaller subscriptions by thousands of Vermonters who are anxious to do their part toward the relief of American soldiers. Moreover, it would be a tremendous encouragement for the general campaign throughout the state.

THE RUTH CRUGER CASE AND INTELLIGENT PERSISTENCE.

What the police and detective department of New York City failed to do, a woman lawyer was instrumental in accomplishing—the clearing up of the mys-

tery regarding the disappearance of 17-year-old Ruth Cruger. The police and detective department were deceived by the apparent candor of the man who was thought to have been in company of the girl at the last and they failed to make a thorough search of the cellar of the man's house even though it seemed morally certain that the girl's body must have been buried there. Then, after months, the persistence of the woman lawyer triumphed; a workbench—the very bench where the suspected man had worked—was shoved aside, a false bottom of the cellar was discovered and beneath the flooring the remains of Ruth Cruger were found. In the meantime the suspected man went to his native land, Italy, there to resist return to the United States unless the Italian government intervenes in behalf of apparent justice. No wonder that the head of the New York police and detective department states emphatically that the department is in for a shaking-up. Wonderful lack of persistency and reasonable acumen was manifested in this case, even if not rank incompetence. It must have been a distinct humiliation for the police and detective department of the metropolis to see a woman step in and ferret out a crime which it had itself given up as impossible of solution. Mrs. Grace Humiston should have been set to work on the Dorothy Arnold case, and hundreds of similar cases that have cropped out in New York City during the last few years. Perhaps we should have had results equally as satisfactory as in the case of Ruth Cruger.

KNOWS NAME OF SLAYER OF JOHN V. PIPER

Prosecutor Promises to Make Sensation Shortly in Connection with Death of Vermont Man at New Brunswick, N. J.

New Brunswick, N. J., June 19.—That there would be an arrest within forty-eight hours and that when it is made it will reveal a sensation, was the promise of Prosecutor Stricker yesterday when discussing the death of Vincent Piper, whose body was found near Spotswood Saturday.

"I know the man who shot and killed Piper," said the prosecutor. "I not only know that a .32 calibre revolver was used, but I have it in my possession. Piper was killed about the time he disappeared, Feb. 17, last. I cannot say more now."

Piper was a graduate of the University of Vermont and with his wife and two children he came to New Brunswick and took up post graduate work at Rutgers College farm. He supported himself and family by tending furnaces and doing other jobs about the city.

On the night of Feb. 17 he left home to make his late round and bank runs for the night. A couple of days later boy scouts ranged every square yard of land for a number of miles about the city without finding a trace of him.

Mrs. Piper remained in the city until the search for her husband was abandoned and then with her children returned to her former home in Vermont.

Saturday a man crossing a strip of land seldom used came upon the decomposed body. In the clothing the authorities found Piper's gold watch, a small memorandum book with his name in it and a leather belt about his waist which bore the initials J. V. P. The clothing was just what Mrs. Piper told the authorities her husband wore when he went out the night he disappeared.

WILLIAMSTOWN

Officers of the Home Study club elected at the regular annual meeting held with Mrs. Laura L. Ainsworth June 15, were as follows: President, Mrs. Anne E. Randall; vice-president, Mrs. Annie L. Wilber; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Carrie McAllister; program committee, Miss Mary Waterman, Mrs. Annie Wilber, Mrs. Laura Ainsworth, Mrs. Olive Beaman, Mrs. Martha Clogston. It was voted to have no printed programs this year and to use the money saved in aid of the American Red Cross. Voted to hold one summer meeting, date and program to be in charge of the following committee: Mrs. Annie Gale, Miss Alice Walker, Mrs. Lottie Marr. Refreshments of ice cream and wafers were served.

Fred D. Alger has sold out his interests in the G. F. McAllister Co. to other members of the firm and closed his connection with the business last Saturday. Mr. Alger has been a member of the firm for about a year, becoming a member on the retirement of Frank B. Hoyt.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram S. Drury, Mrs. Ida Whitcomb and Misses Millie J. Drury and Helen Kimball motored to Alstead, N. H., last Saturday and with the exception of Miss Kimball, returned yesterday. While there, the party visited Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Watson, now residents of that town.

Miss Myrtle Hutchinson and brother, Clyde Hutchinson, who came home to attend the funeral of Mrs. Grover C. Hutchinson, have returned to their places of work, Clyde going to Burlington, where he is a letter carrier on the 18th, and Miss Hutchinson going to Fairfax, where she is a teacher in Bellows Free academy, to-day.

Ray Thresher has sold his farm on south hill to Fred Alger, the deal including the stock and farming tools and possession to be given at once. Mr. Thresher will remain on the premises for a time, and has not decided on his future plans as yet.

George T. Colby returned from northern New York last Saturday, with six horses and a quantity of straw.

Lieut. Frank A. Brockway, U. S. N., who has been at home for a few days on a furlough, returned to his ship at New York harbor yesterday.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank all neighbors and friends who so kindly and sympathetically assisted during the illness and bereavement of our beloved one.

Grover C. Hutchinson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Steiner, William Pfeiffer, Harry Pfeiffer, Mrs. Arthur Haagensen, Mr. and Mrs. John Hertel, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hutchinson and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hutchinson.

WAS IT A GHOST?

By F. A. MITCHEL.

Any boy who has studied United States history knows the story of Benedict Arnold's treachery in his intention to surrender West Point to the British, how Major Andre of the British army was captured at Tarrytown with the papers in the case in his boots, the horror of General Washington and the execution of Andre as a spy.

Andre was executed on the banks of the Hudson not far from where he was captured. The place where the execution occurred is of no importance except as to its connection with this historical event.

Mind you, I'm not going to vouch for this story. It came to me from different sources, and there are certain discrepancies. What I'm going to tell is what I surmised from the whole without lugging in any proofs pro or con.

A certain Mrs. Meriwether of New York city, prominent in the D. A. R., had a daughter, Abigail, the name being handed down through half a dozen generations from a Revolutionary ancestress, who was an incorrigible coquette. The mother endeavored vainly to persuade her daughter to marry some one of her many suitors, to settle down and behave herself. George Van West was the only one of them whom Abigail fancied. Him she really loved, but owing to one of those inconsistencies of women for which no man can account the more she loved him the worse she treated him. Indeed, a certain Ambrose Constable, whom she did not like and whose mother detested, was to all appearances her favorite.

One spring when Abigail was receiving marked attention from Constable her mother took her to a farmhouse in the country, hoping that by separating her from Constable the affair would blow over. Abigail was much pained at leaving Van West, but that contrary trait in her character prevented her from telling the truth as to her preference, and she accompanied her mother to the farmhouse unwillingly.

Independence day that year was a beautiful one. The air was cool, the sky cloudless. Abigail sat on the porch of the farmhouse watching the country people dressed in holiday costumes going to a church where exercises appropriate to the day were to be held.

Presently a young man came along whose appearance at once arrested Abigail's attention. He was handsome, but very pale. Seeing the girl on the porch—she seemed unable to keep her eyes off him—he bowed in a very courtly manner, taking off his hat at the same time with something of the flourish of a gentleman of the old school.

"May I ask," he said to Abigail, "whether all these country bumpkins are going?"

"To the church where the Declaration of Independence is to be read."

"Why today?"

"This is the anniversary of the day it was adopted."

"By the rebels?"

Abigail was so puzzled by this reference to the signers of the Declaration as rebels that she made no reply, continuing to gaze on the man with a sort of fascinated wonder. Meanwhile he began looking about him like one who was visiting a place with which he had once been familiar. His gaze lighting on a building farther down the road, he shuddered. Then, seeming to grow faint, he caught at the fence inclosing the farmhouse for support.

Abigail arose, hurried toward him and was about to put out her arms to support him when he turned and smiled at her. She afterward described that smile as the most beautiful she had ever beheld. It seemed to be the smile of a martyr who had suffered his martyrdom and had passed to his reward.

From this point the information I gathered about Abigail's meeting with this stranger is contradictory. Some say that he spent only the day with her on the farmhouse porch, some that he lingered in the neighborhood all summer. The testimony for the former statement predominated, but I am at a loss to understand how he could have produced the marvelous effect he did on Abigail in a single day. As to how or where they spent that day accounts vary.

Of one thing I received positive testimony, that from that Independence day Abigail was greatly changed. While before it she had been the gayest of the gay, after it no one ever saw her smile. George Van West tried to bring back the smile to her lips, but signally failed. Indeed, the sight of him seemed to fill her with a sort of horror. As for Constable, she no longer cared to conceal her real feelings toward him.

Mrs. Meriwether did everything she could think of to break the spell that had been cast over her daughter. She endeavored to make Abigail forget the stranger in a social whirl. She took her on travels, all to no purpose. The poor girl was gradually sinking into the grave. Six months after that memorable Independence day she died.

Who was the stranger? I am going to give certain points that indicate who he might be, but as I said in the beginning I only give the facts and have no desire to influence opinion. In the first place the farmhouse where Abigail spent that Independence day was in sight of the house in which Major Andre was tried for his life and of the place where he was hanged; secondly, George Van West was a descendant of one of the three men who captured Andre at Tarrytown with the papers on him incriminating Benedict Arnold.

PLAINFIELD.

Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, in the Methodist church, the quartet from Montpelier seminary, with Miss Rickford, the vocal instructor, will give a concert for the benefit of the Epworth league. Admission 25c—adv.

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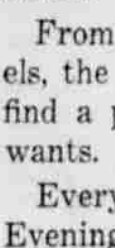


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 A lady one day remarked to Bulwer-Lytton how odd it was that a dove (Latin, columba) should have been sent out to find the olive, and Columbus (Colombus) should have found the new world. "Yes," agreed the novelist, "but more curious still is the fact that one came from Noah and the other from Genoa!"

China and Its People.
 About 95 per cent of the population of China is confined to one-third of the area of the country, with a density of 200 to the square mile. Five per cent of the population inhabits 65 per cent of the area, with a density of ten to the square mile.

Dainty Boxes.
 In Sicily one frequently sees dainty little circular boxes, pale yellow in color, painted in heraldic designs and giving off the sweet smell of oranges. They are used for pins, small jewels or collar buttons and are, in fact, orange skins.

Doubts and Don'ts.
 Remember Tullyrand's advice, "If you are in doubt whether to write a letter or not—don't!" The advice applies to many doubts in life besides that of letter writing.—Bulwer-Lytton.

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